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## THIS WEEK

### CAMPUS

#### Faculty recital

Northwest faculty recital features Dr. Pamela Shannon, soprano and assistant professor of music and Charles Badami, music and collaborative pianist instructor.

The two will perform during the recital at 8 p.m. Monday, April 6, in the Charles Johnson Theater. "The Cliff's Edge" is a comprised of German art songs, by Johannes Brahms and Gustav Mahler and an English-language song by Margaret Garwood that is a contemporary American Composer.

### COMMUNITY

#### Don't forget to vote

Municipal elections are Tuesday, April 7. Seven candidates are running for one open seat on the Maryville City Council and four candidates are on the ballot for two open Maryville School Board positions.

#### Burning ordinance

The Maryville City Council passed amendments to the current open burning ordinance at the city council meeting on Monday, March 23.

One aspect of the change limits open burning to three, two-weeks periods throughout the year: from April 1 to April 13 in the spring, from July 17 to July 31 in the summer, and from October 24 to November 6 in the fall.

For more details on the ordinance, visit the city's Web site at [Maryville.gov/office2.com](http://Maryville.gov/office2.com)

### BEARCATS

#### Friday

Women's golf @ Bulldog Classic in Kirksville, Mo.  
Softball vs. Washburn 3 p.m.  
Men's and women's tennis vs. Emporia State 3:30 p.m.

#### Saturday

Women's golf @ Bulldog Classic in Kirksville, Mo.  
Baseball double-header vs. Augustana 1 p.m.  
Softball vs. Emporia State 1 p.m.  
Men's and women's tennis vs. Washburn 10 a.m.  
Track and Field, Jock's Nitch Northwest Open in Maryville

#### Sunday

Baseball double-header vs. Augustana, noon

#### Tuesday

Baseball double-header vs. Truman 1 p.m.  
Softball vs. Nebraska-Omaha 2 p.m.

#### Wednesday

Softball vs. Rockhurst 2 p.m.  
Men's and women's tennis vs. William Jewell 3 p.m.

### SPOOFHOUNDS

#### Thursday

Boys' golf @ Lafayette 4 p.m.  
VJV baseball @ Lafayette 4:30 p.m.

#### Friday

VJV baseball @ Excelsior Springs Tournament  
VJV boys' and girls' track @ Chillicothe 2 p.m.  
Girls' soccer vs. Savannah 4 p.m.

#### Saturday

Varsity baseball @ Excelsior Springs Tournament  
Girls' soccer vs. KC Northwest 4 p.m.

#### Monday

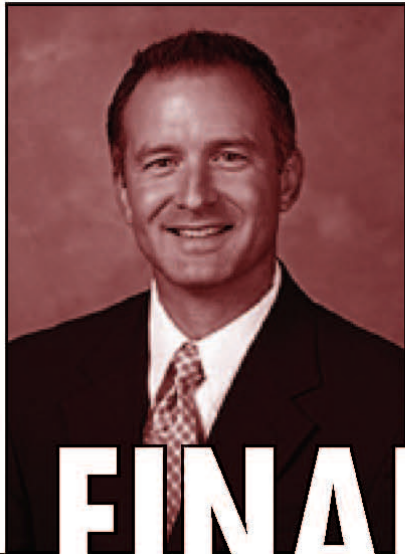
Boys' golf, JV Spoofhound Challenge 3:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday

VJV boys' and girls' track @ Nebraska City Invitational 2 p.m.  
Freshmen boys' and girls' track @ Lafayette freshmen relays  
Boys' golf @ Mid Buchanan 4 p.m.

## PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH | CANDIDATES

Kent Porterfield



John Jasinski



Bob Clark



Joseph Shepard

# FINAL FOUR

## Committee releases names of finalists

The four finalists in the Northwest presidential search were announced Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the living room of the J.W. Jones Student Union. Now that the finalists have been named, the next step will be campus visits. The visit dates are April 13-14, 16-17, 20-21 and 27-28. The visits will include campus tours, meetings with administration and question and answer sessions.

After the visits, the presidential search committee will decide on a candidate to recommend for hiring to the Board of Regents, which will make the ultimate decision.

#### Dr. John Jasinski

"We have been connected not just at the university but locally, regionally and state and the ability to come in with little lag time is critical for the step as Northwest Missouri State University moves ahead."

Jasinski has served as the Executive Vice President/Chief Academic and Operating Officer at Northwood Univer-

sity in Midland, Mich. since 2007. From 1986 to 2001, he worked at Northwest, teaching and also served as associate provost. He has a PhD in Educational Leadership and Higher Education Administration from University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

#### Dr. Robert Clark

"It's not so much the job in terms of the title, it's the opportunity to do something more for the community."

Clark currently serves as Vice Chancellor and Dean for the University of Kansas - Edwards campus, after joining their staff in 1997. Before that position, he served as the dean of the Rockhurst University School of Management in Kansas City. He has a PhD in Educational Administration from Syracuse University.

#### Dr. Joseph Shepard

"My goal is to continue to advance in mission and values of Northwest - to get to know faculty and students. The most

exciting part of the future is how students are centered and focused, which is something I hope to continue."

Shepard has served as Vice President for Administrative Services at Florida Gulf Coast University since 2003. Prior to that, he served as Dean of Student Affairs, Interim Dean, Associate Dean for Student Services and adjunct faculty. He has a PhD in Public Administration from Florida Atlantic University.

#### Dr. Kent Porterfield

"It's a great opportunity, no question. I know firsthand how special the University is and what a great place it is."

Porterfield is currently the Vice President for Student Development at Saint Louis University. Prior to that position, which he began in 2006, he served as Vice President for Student Development at Northwest for almost 10 years. He has an Ed.D in Educational Leadership and Policy Administration from University of Missouri - Columbia.

## GENERAL COUNSEL



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JOE CORNELISON POSES for 2008 Tower Yearbook editor Chris Lee for coverage in the yearbook on cabinet members and their favorite spots on campus.

## University attorney fights to keep job

By Evan Young  
Editor in Chief

As classes resumed this week after spring break, so did one University official's fight to stay employed.

Joe Cornelison, general counsel and chief of staff, is suing five members of the Northwest Board of Regents who voted in favor of terminating his contract during a closed session meeting March 20.

Cornelison, who was given 60 days' notice, claims the regents who approved his termination - Board President Bill Loch, Rachelle Brown, Lydia Hurst, Gary Panethiere and Douglas Wyckoff - abused their authority by voting on an issue that didn't carry a recommendation from University President Dean Hubbard.

He also alleges the board "met, or conducted a series of telephone calls or emails, in an intentional attempt to evade the requirements of the Missouri Sunshine Law," which sets the guidelines for open meetings and records.

The lawsuit asks for \$5,000 from each of the five regents in civil penalties and for payment of Cornelison's attorneys' fees.

Attorneys for both sides met at a hearing Wednesday at the Nodaway County Courthouse, where 4th Judicial Circuit Judge Roger Prokes ruled, over objections from the defense, to continue the temporary restraining order he issued against the regents last week - preventing them from taking any further action against Cornelison.

Judge Prokes also decided to give Cornelison's team more time to depose witnesses and gather evidence. Timothy McNamara, attorney for the plaintiff, said that, given the March 25 death of Cornelison's mother, it

would be "unfair for him to go forward today with a full-blown hearing."

But Scott Sullivan, the regents' attorney, said although he was "sympathetic" to Cornelison's personal loss, he saw no reason to delay proceedings and accused Cornelison of using time to prepare for the hearing to conduct a "campaign" to make statements and gather public opinion on the issue.

Sullivan asked the judge to lift the temporary restraining order, claiming that the lawsuit solely pertained to monetary and contractual issues and didn't warrant that kind of action. He also argued that - in contrast to one of the judge's reasons for the restraining order (fear of irreparable damage from the board) - the University accrued monetary damage every day Cornelison remained on the payroll.

Sullivan went on to say that Cornelison's contract was to expire in June and includes wording that allows either him (Cornelison) or the board to terminate it without cause.

The next hearing is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, April 11.

Back on campus, Cornelison's case is gaining support from at least two major sources. In its regular weekly meeting, Student Senate unanimously passed a resolution to form an ad hoc committee to investigate the regents' decision to fire Cornelison.

And Hubbard, who maintains he had no idea the board was planning to discuss, let alone vote on, Cornelison's termination, said the regents "could've asked me" about the issue.

"It was a very bad move, and it was very poorly done," he said.

(Whitney Keyes contributed information to this story.)

## MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

## Council candidates make their case

By Greg Miller  
Missourian Reporter

On Tuesday, Maryville voters will choose someone to fill the city council position left open by Mike Thompson. The candidates held a forum at the Nodaway County Courthouse to discuss their plans if elected Monday.

Each candidate focused on the importance of local economics, street projects and the city's water system.

William Prescott believes it is time for the community to step up to global standards, and have an energy plan. He believes in expanding city boundaries, and added tax revenue could offset the costs. He spoke about the importance of keeping local youth occupied, and that there weren't enough volun-

teers to solve social problems in the Maryville community.

Jim Dropinski also pushed the importance of volunteer work. He cited his work as Kawasaki Quality Assurance Engineer as an asset if he were elected. "We take issues, look at them and decide how to solve it," Dropinski told voters at the forum. "I'm analytical ... I like to take a look at all sides and decide how to solve it." If elected, he wants to investigate how to keep college grads from leaving Maryville. "I came here out of college, and I'm very happy here," Dropinski said.

Kirk Larson says he has a deep understanding of what it takes to attract people to Maryville. If elected, he said he plans

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## UNIVERSITY NEWS

## Officials urge frugality for student labor expenses

By Evan Young  
Editor in Chief

Some students who plan to work for the University this summer may want to have another option in mind.

Officials are asking student employment supervisors across campus to be smart with the remaining money they received this fiscal year from the student labor budget. In addition, departments are being urged to consider reducing their summer student workforce if those dollars become tight - notifying affected students before the spring trimester ends.

The reason is primarily economical, said Paula McClain, coordinator of student employment. No

new funds will be available for departmental student employment budgets for the rest of this fiscal year, which ends June 30, McClain said.

That means if supervisors spend more money on their student workforce than originally allocated, they won't be able to offset those costs using the general student labor budget, except in extreme circumstances, she said.

"The bottom line is for them to be wise with their dollars," McClain said.

A March 16 e-mail from McClain outlining the situation prompted "panicked" responses from several supervisors who thought layoffs were imminent, she said.

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STUDENT EMPLOYEE MCKENZIE Bass helps freshman Jon Brown with his refund check at the Student Services front desk on the first floor of the Administration Building. Employment and finance officials are urging supervisors to be mindful of their student labor dollars during the current economic climate.



BLOOD DRIVE



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Dena Wagner, senior, waits patiently while donating on Wednesday. Student Senate holds the blood drive several times throughout the year and Wagner donates as often as she can.

## Students overcome anxiety to donate for a good cause

By Tiffany Hunter  
Missourian Reporter

The Community Blood Center is back once again at Northwest and encouraging Bearcats to donate blood to help save a life.

The blood drive took place March 30 to April 1, in the J.W. Student Union from.

Since 1986, Northwest students have been participating in blood drives and have taken home previous awards in 1986, '87 and '90 beating competitor Central Missouri State University, said Brooke Beason, Student Senate vice president.

"The purpose of this event is to allow students to participate in civic engagement without having to leave campus and at the same time support the Community Blood Center," Beason said.

In 2006, Northwest won the '2006 Outstanding College' award for its participation with the blood drive and in 2007, Northwest received yet another award for the 'Largest Blood Drive.'

"For a school of Northwest's caliber, our levels of

participation are similar to that of KU which is outstanding," Beason said.

One of the many students that volunteered to donate blood is senior Elizabeth Kurrelmeyer, who brought along friend Christine Hodges.

"I have been giving blood since my junior year in high school. When I got to college, I saw the posters and pretty much have donated every other semester when I have time," Kurrelmeyer said.

This was her friend Christine Hodges first time giving blood.

"I was very scared because I don't like needles but I did want to help someone," said Hodges. Student Sarah Peters also gave blood for the first time.

"I don't like seeing blood or needles but the Community Blood Drive is a great organization. I think I will donate again next year because it really wasn't all that bad," said Peters.

The Community Blood Drive provides free T-shirts to all donors and the on-campus organization with the most donors wins \$50.

ELECTRONIC CAMPUS

## Northwest online courses offer flexibility

By Tiffany Towne  
Missourian Reporter

Classes started in a one room schoolhouse with rickety wooden desks and evolved into students relaxing on their couches with a laptop.

The first online courses were free and offered in spring 1999. Introduction to Philosophy, Enjoyment of Music, Peoples and Culture and Fundamentals of Business Finance were the four first courses. Seventy-eight students were enrolled but the number dropped in the fall due to the classes not being free anymore.

Online classes were made available so students could work around their schedules and Northwest to gain more access to students. Associate Professor of Finance Mike Wilson taught the first class, Fundamentals of Business Finance.

Shortly after online courses were made available, the Bachelor of Science in Business Management and Accounting became the first online degree

programs. They were created for students who did the first two years of the degree at a community college.

"Online courses gave students flexibility, typically during a semester over half the students taking online classes are here on campus. The benefit of that is dealing with schedule conflicts or work schedules," said Roger Von Holzen, Director of Distance Learning Services, Center for Information Technology in Education (CITE).

Von Holzen said the biggest problem was students thinking online courses would be easier because they didn't have to attend class. There was a high failure rate at first, but now only has a five percent drop rate. Another challenge was developing courses that could be made online but now even Biology lab can be taken online. The first English composition online classes will be offered this summer.

"In the future, online classes will end up dominating the

summer trimester and the biggest growth online will be for graduate classes," Von Holzen said.

In fall 2003, a complete online master's degree and graduate certificate program in Geographic Information Science (GIS) began at Northwest. Penn State already had an online certificate program but began its online Master's degree in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in fall 2004.

"Just prior to going online, I had developed a series of modules to help students understand the content of the course. These had been written by students as a way of making them more user friendly and were accessible on computers in the computer labs in Colden. This approach would be called a blended class today," Wilson said.

About two years ago graduate programs officially started blended or hybrid courses, courses that combine online learning with face-to-face classroom instruction. A significant

portion of the class is online and classroom time is reduced but not eliminated. The student will get to have a much more flexible scheduling, while maintaining the face-to-face contact with the instructor and classmates.

Online classes have evolved into helping classroom learning with eCompanion, a tool used to develop a web based supplement for face-to-face.

Northwest has had eCompanion for about six years and anyone can access their account from any web browser at anytime.

Darla Runyon, Assistant director of curriculum design specialist for CITE, sets up the eCompanion courses while working with about 250 faculty members. Her favorite part of starting the program was having the faculty being very enthusiastic to use it and putting together a course that will be very beneficial.

Von Holzen sees graduate program and classes becoming either blended or completely online in the future.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

## Lessons prepare students for a future of teaching in Japan

By Tiffany Hunter  
Missourian Reporter

This semester students are given the opportunity to take Japanese lessons for free, where they learn the culture, language and customs. The classes are offered through the Asian Student Association (ASA) and Japanese student volunteers. The class sessions provide educational lessons to students through different skits and dinners put on by groups like the Indian Student Association (ISA) and Korean Student Association (KSA).

Student Sarah Rowan has participated in the Japanese

lessons for two years, Rowan said.

"I do it because I want to learn the language and more about the culture. Eventually, I want to teach English in Japan, and since Northwest doesn't actually offer a Japanese class, this is the most formal instruction I can receive."

The class concentrates on learning the basics of the Japanese language. Along with learning the vocabulary and grammar, students learn three different types of writing: hiragana, katakana, and kanji.

To help students reinforce what they have learned in previous weeks, quizzes and exer-

cises are given during the learning sessions. Students taking the class are encouraged to meet with each other outside the class and practice their Japanese, Rowan said.

"I have many Japanese friends, who are willing and eager to help me learn. They teach me slang and correct my grammar, we all just come together and hang out."

The Japanese classes are not limited to only Northwest students they are also open to Maryville residents as well.

Some Northwest professors have taken the Japanese classes who plan to travel to Japan and teach English. There

have also been some Kawasaki employees, who have taken have classes, so they can better communicate with their Japanese managers, Japanese instructor Miki Uemura said.

The Japanese lessons have been available at Northwest for more than five years and Uemura began tutoring students as a freshman in 2004. Other instructors include students Haruna Nakamura, Yumio Kan and Momoko Otsuka.

The Japanese classes are every Thursday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Colden Hall room 3150. The instructors are always willing to accept new students and lessons are free.

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### Wednesday

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### Thursday

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6-8 PM Attack of the Radio  
8-10 PM - American Dirt  
10-Midnight - Metal Mayhem

### Friday

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9-Midnight - 90s Friday Night

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MARYVILLE SCHOOL BOARD

Candidates sound off at forum

By Greg Miller  
Missourian Reporter

Voters will decide who should fill two open seats on the Maryville R-2 School Board Tuesday. Each candidate felt that the board is currently run effectively, and were passionate about taking the school district to the next level.

Cindy Barnes said her job forces her to deal with challenges. She said the Maryville R-2 school board is already good and wants to see that continue. She feels it's important to prepare kids, and get them ready for life beyond high school, because "these kids are our future," she said.

She is a firm believer in education, and said she is involved because it is vital to kids to have the support from parents. Barnes is also a big advocate of up-to-date technology in schools.

Elaine Wilson said she wants to continue being part of a team that values education. She is currently on the Maryville R-2 School Board. Wilson said during her time with the board, the district was accredited and honored many times. She believes it is extremely important for students to receive a well-rounded education, and hopes to see a Performing Arts Center built in the future.

James Beemer also firmly believes in being active with his kids' lives. Both of his children attend school in the Maryville School District and also feels as a business owner "its important to have a role with the community," he said. He feels the district must be pro active and not post active. Beemer told the forum the importance of developing a relationship with kids. He cited his experience as a youth football coach, "I can tell what kids have problems ... if they trust you, they'll feel more comfortable," he said. Beemer would like to see more parents and community members more

involved with meetings. "I want to hear from people," said Beemer.

Cleo Samudzi told the forum voting for him was an investment in the future of the kids. His background is in education and the administration of education. He said he understood how the district works, and the totality of the system. Samudzi feels his job on the board is to "set policies and guidelines ... to be a liason between the community and school, to be able to explain school needs to the community," he said. Samudzi also feels that the board should have oversight into the curriculum of the school.



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Elaine Wilson speaks to a full room as Jason Beemer and Cleo Samudzi listen in at the Nodaway County Courthouse on Tuesday, March 31. Four people are vying for two spots on the Maryville School Board. Municipal elections are Tuesday, April 7.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Maryville general fund in good shape after fiscal year

By Kenny Larabee  
Community News Editor

The city of Maryville released its comprehensive financial report and according to city officials, the city's general fund is in good shape.

For the year ending Sept. 30, 2008, the city had a net increase of \$76,263 in the general fund.

That figure comes from subtracting the city's expenses (\$6,297,557) from the city's revenues (\$6,297,557) for the year, as well as including some other adjustments.

Having a surplus in a city's general fund is a common practice that allows cities to have funds for operating in the event of an unforeseen expense or natural disaster, Maryville City Treasurer Denise Town said.

"Cities strive to maintain a fund balance that a lot of them like to say is 25 percent of your operating expenses," Town said. "Some cities have more than that and other cities will have a little bit less. It just depends on what their particular situation is."

The Government Finance Officers Association recommends funds to operate Maryville for at least 30 to 60 days in the event of an emergency. After the last fiscal year, Maryville's general fund stood

at \$1,482,622.

That leaves the city in good shape to deal with emergencies or variances in revenues, Maryville City Manager Matt LeCerf said.

"I think we are (in good shape) financially," LeCerf said. "Obviously you never know what's going to happen from year to year and that's why you have that fund balance or that contingency there."

The general fund is used for the basic operating costs of the city. It goes towards services that ensure running water in sinks and plowed roads after a snowfall, making it a top priority, LeCerf said.

"When we go into a budget, the first things we look at are personnel and operating of that personnel," LeCerf said. "Going into the capital is not our first priority — obviously it's a high priority, but it's not the first. It's 'How do we ensure that the services that are expected are delivered first to the public?'"

Although not part of the 2008 fiscal year, the city also took in sales tax revenues from the 2008 Holiday Season. The sales taxes from sales in November 2008 were \$132,583, and the sales taxes for December 2008 were \$150,796. That was down 1.18 percent from 2007's \$286,775 for the same

two months. There is generally a two-month lag before the city receives those funds, Town said.

Cities have 180 days after the end of a fiscal year to submit the report to the state

auditor's office, which has been done. The 120-page clean audited comprehensive financial report is available now online for the public to see at [Maryville.govoffice2.com](http://Maryville.govoffice2.com).

General Fund for 2008	
<b>General Fund Revenues</b>	
Taxes	\$2,976,300
Licenses and permits	Debt service:
\$3,609,106	Principal retirement
\$73,573	\$45,060
Intergovernmental revenues	Interest and fiscal charges
\$2,091,656	\$3,615
Charges for services	Total expenditures
\$11,092	\$5,898,007
Fines and forfeitures	Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures
\$417,626	\$399,550
Interest	<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>
\$44,630	
Other	Transfers out
\$49,874	(\$323,287)
Total Revenues	Net change in fund balancing
\$6,297,557	\$76,263
<b>Expenditures</b>	
Current:	Fund balances – Beginning
General government	\$1,406,359
\$861,449	Fund balances – Ending
Public safety	\$1,482,622
\$2,011,583	
Public works	

SEVERE WEATHER

With severe weather season on the horizon, preparation is key

By Elizabeth Sexton  
Chief Reporter

As severe spring storms strike the nation, the season known for regeneration and new life takes on a deadly description in the Midwest.

After snow storms on Saturday plagued Midwesterners, two people were reported dead in Kansas in addition to reports of two fatal accidents in Oklahoma and dozens of collisions throughout the region, according to the Associated Press.

Flash flooding, spring snow, tornadoes and severe thunderstorms typically characterize the current lap of extreme Midwest weather.

During 2008, severe weather caused 28 deaths and 271 injuries in Missouri according to the National Weather Service.

Nodaway County Emergency Management Director Christy Forney said taking preventative measures decreases the routine risks of the season.

"The more you know, the better off you are," she said.

Recently, Forney was surprised to find studies suggesting a majority of people in Oklahoma could not distinguish between a severe weather watch and an actual warning.

"That blew my mind away because they are right in the heart of Tornado Alley," Forney said.

A watch means present conditions could produce severe weather; while a warning means severe weather has recently been sighted in the area.

"During a watch, the basic thing is just to watch out," she said. "Keep your eyes open, look at the window and turn on the TV or radio."

A watch only signifies a possibility, whereas a warning means the severe weather is highly likely to occur in your area.

When warnings are issued, knowing the difference and proper response can greatly improve survival chances.

Nodaway County endorses the "Ready in 3" program, which highlights three easy steps to take in emergency preparation.

First, create a plan for you, your family or your business. Second, prepare an emergency kit for both your car and your home. Make sure to include supplies for each person. Third, listen for information about what to do and where to go.

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Americans cope with an annual average of 10,000 thunderstorms, 2,500 floods, 1,000 tornadoes, as well as an average of six deadly hurricanes.

FEMA urges individuals to find additional steps for protection during dangerous spring weather at Ready.gov.

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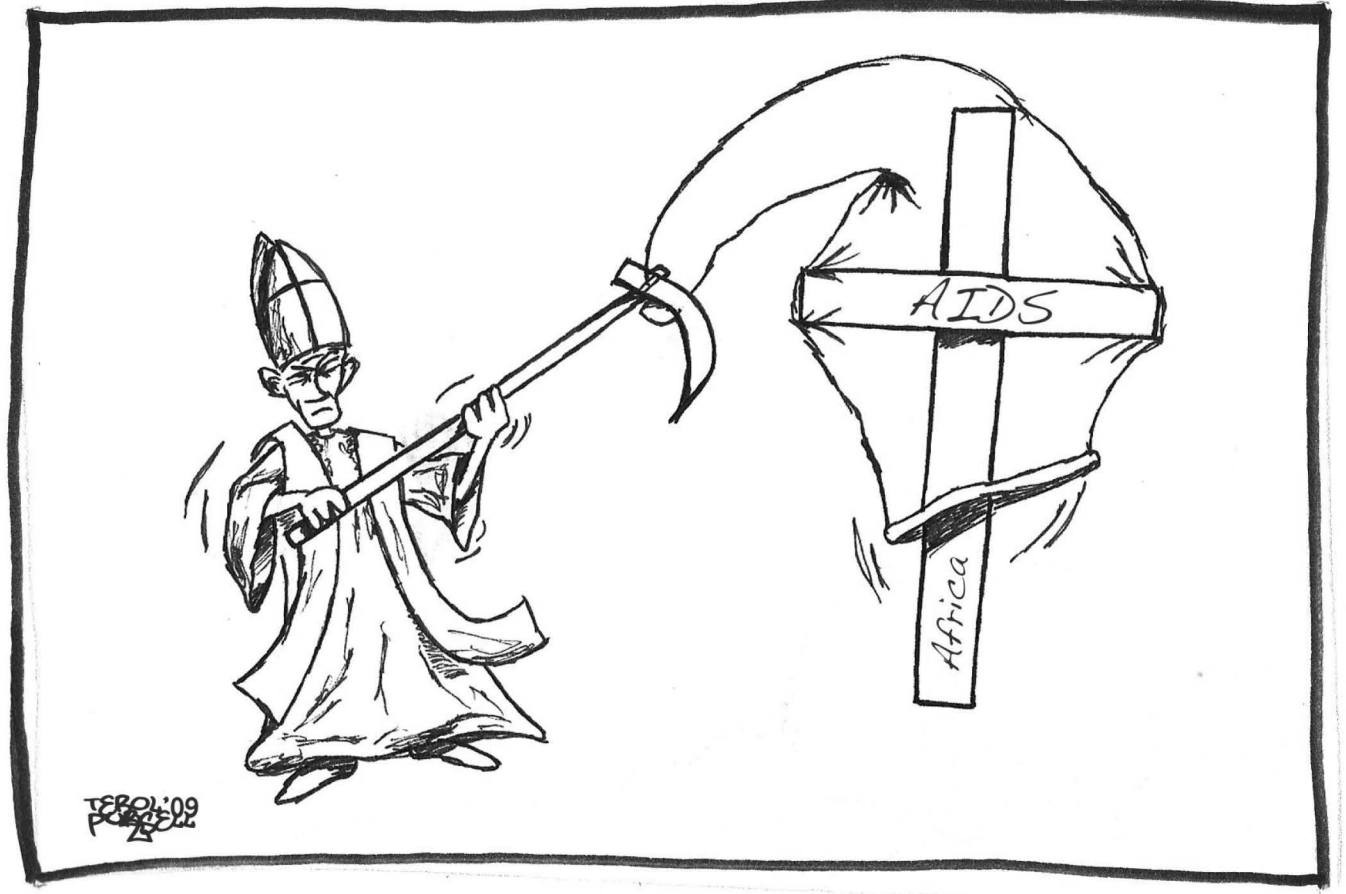
OUR VIEW

Committee should allow questions from public

After weeks of meetings and mystery, the cat has finally been let out of the bag: we now know the names of the four people the University thinks are the best candidates to lead our institution. But it's not over yet, and now that these names are public, the competition is tighter than ever. With this relatively surprise announcement, those who will have a hand in selecting Northwest's next president need to be as focused and objective as ever. What has made the whole process work thus far, in addition to the cooperation between the University's search committee and search firm Jon McRae and Associates Inc., is a very high level of confidentiality with regards to the candidates' identities. Keeping the names of the scores of applicants secret has helped the process go both quickly and smoothly. Now that has changed, and it's time for the public to get involved. We don't advocate rampant Google searches to dig up every piece of dirt available, but perhaps it's time to open up an avenue for University and community members to let the search committee and search firm know what questions they want these candidates

to answer during their respective interviews. Thirteen is a good size for a search committee, but it doesn't mean it'll necessarily cover all the bases. Higher education in Missouri is waiting to hear just how much funding the state will allocate next fiscal year. Just how well can these candidates hold up against the powers that be in Jefferson City? Can we be sure that we'll have a president dedicated to finding other revenue channels if state dollars continue to decrease? Will the new leader help the campus retain its "students first" attitude? All of the candidates hail from various higher

education institutions, but who will better handle the transition – someone from a school larger than Northwest, or the other way around? The question bank is practically endless, which is why strong communication with parties outside of the search itself is so important. Whether it's through e-mailed questions or an open forum, the presidential candidates should have to go in front of the public. Northwest's stakeholders – on and off campus – deserve the opportunity to air their questions and concerns to the institution's next leader.



MY VIEW

Modern society doesn't rehabilitate criminals; it creates them

As senators across the country take to the reformation of the U.S. penal system, I was rather intrigued by this. Although not well educated at the time in our criminal justice system or the penal system itself, I still felt that to put two criminals together, or rather masses of criminals together in one place with no means to ensure future success when integrated back into society was rather flawed. The hard-line revenge stance is like putting two mentally ill people together in a room for an extended period of time and expect them to be healthy by the end of that time period with no medication, no counseling, nothing but punishing them for being ill. When man is not given the tools to success, or the means to secure those tools for oneself, man cannot succeed. So what is my stance on the penal system? Reform, of course! But before we can have reform of the penal

system, or any system of government for that matter, we must have reform of society. A nation's society is the foundation of a nation's government. With that being said, it follows that the laws formed because of a government's morals must then coincide with the morals of that society. Sir Thomas Moore was right when he wrote that we are creating the thieves we punish. Our society puts on a silver platter the crime the criminal executes. We enable the criminal inclinations found in every man, the tendencies found in the very nature of any person before man-made laws were formed, which in turn go against the natural laws man is born to and born with, the very laws of nature themselves. And these man-made laws are maintained by fear, by political and social oppression, and the submission that necessarily follows. And for what? Our society today is the criminal to man, to the individual. And a society deserves every criminal that composes it. Every government, be that corrupt or "good" (if there is such a thing) is a reflection of the people that form the political unit. And every government will either fail or succeed based on the compatibility of the constitution with the society. Take, for example, Russia and France. Why is it that the current Russian government is not prospering as well as the Fifth Republic it was built after? The society composing each country is different, one built for a more democratic system of government, the other not. But I digress. Why does the United States have far more prisoners than other countries?



Kathleen Wilmes  
Opinion Editor

Why do we hold an astounding percent of the world's incarcerated people? Sure, some of our laws are not compatible with the morals of our society in whole, but that's easily fixed. We are not giving the means or the tools for success before or after incarceration. How is anybody surprised by the rate of recidivism? We don't provide adequate job training, drug treatment or counseling. We don't fix the problems; we push the issue aside for whatever length of time the prisoner is sentenced to. But that issue still remains when prisoners are released back into the very society that stoned them. Prisons "return to the world the emaciated, the deformed, will-less, shipwrecked crew of humanity, with the Cain mark on their foreheads ... With nothing but hunger and inhumanity to greet them, these victims soon sink back into crime as the only possibility of existence."- Emma Goldman.

mate appeal is left to outside entities and the organization's governing board has totally compromised its responsibility. The decision made by the majority of the Board will have a huge negative impact on any potential candidate for the next president of the University. In summary, organizational democracy is a fragile system at best. It only works and persists with each of us doing our duty for the good of the whole. The Board of Regents needs to take an immediate and accurate assessment of the potential damage caused by your current actions before they devastate our regional University's shared future with northwest Missouri.

Bob Bush  
Maryville

OPINION

MY VIEW

Resistance to bailout may cause Ford to fall

Since last year both the Bush and Obama administrations have championed a "bailout" plan for several of the nation's woeful areas such as the banking and mortgage businesses. Now the focus is on the auto industry. This "bailout" is really a tale of two companies. On one hand we have General Motors. They had initially agreed to accept the federal money given to them by then-President Bush in December to the tune of \$9.4 billion. Last month they requested an additional \$16.6 billion from the Obama administration. Obama and his team requested a major restructuring of the company, which led to the eventual departure of GM CEO Rick Wagoner on Tuesday (due chiefly to the fact that since becoming CEO in 2000 had increased the company's focus on trucks and SUVs).



Jake Taylor  
Contributing Columnist

What is this company doing? Are they making the right move by letting go of their CEO and taking the money? They are essentially now being run by the federal government. This is the choice they had to make in order to get money. They have to continue to appease the Obama administration or they will receive no more federal funds. Ford Motor Company, on the other hand, has asked for no federal money. They want to continue to run their business as they see fit. They are a little more financially secure at the moment, and according to their executive vice president Mark Fields in a recent interview with CNN, have in recent years brought "great high-quality, fuel-efficient vehicles into the marketplace." But I wonder what shareholders at Ford are thinking about this move in comparison to that of the folks over at GM have made in recent months. Do they have confidence that their company can weather this economic crisis without federal help? I would have mixed feelings about it myself. On one hand, Ford is doing better than GM, but how much better? Good enough to give up federal funds? I guess Ford thinks that doing business its way is more important than the future of the company. I am not by any means opposed to what Ford is doing (I am sure that their public relations team is loving this move). But I wonder if their insistence to staying true to their capitalistic roots may be the downfall of one of the greatest companies this country (and the world) has ever seen. The real question both of these companies are asking themselves right now is "who is your daddy?" And it looks to me like GM is choosing the role of daddy's little girl while Ford is choosing to be the bastard child.



PROFILE

# Trumpetist plays with English jazz musician

By Kiley Swopes  
Chief Reporter

Following a competitive audition process, Northwest student gets a chance to play with the famous

Eight years into her trumpet career, Rachel Sneed can add another performance to her top five accomplishments.

As a junior instrumental music education major, Sneed was selected to play a trumpet solo piece with an English trumpet star, Sneed said.

"I chose to play the trumpet in the 6th grade only because my mom played the clarinet and always said she wished she would have played the trumpet," Sneed said.

Sneed mentioned to Richardson that Alison Bolsom, a young recording trumpet player born and raised in England, was going to be playing with the Kansas City Symphony. After researching online, a nomination form was found that allowed people to nominate someone to play with Bolsom, said Dr. William Richardson assistant professor of music.

"I nominated Rachel without telling her," Richardson said. "But, more people were nominated than the spots available, so I told her because we could make a recording to send in."

About three weeks ago, KC symphony called to say Sneed was one of three selected to play in the master class with Bolsom, Sneed said.

"Rachel actually got to tell me she got selected," Richardson said. "It was a very low-key deal and she just came up to me and said, 'Hey, I got in the master class,'" Richardson said.

A master class is a mini trumpet lesson in front of a lot of people. There will be three people playing a solo with a piano player. Bolsom will give techniques and suggest ways to improve, Richardson said.

Tonight at 7 p.m., Sneed will perform "Legende," a solo piece by Georges Enescu, at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral in Kansas City.

"I think this is more of a lesson in front of a bunch of people," Sneed said. "I am hoping for some positives, but I know there will be some critiques."

Sneed spends about two or three hours a day practicing outside of ensemble rehearsals. Sneed is in Wind Symphony, Jazz Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra, Pep Band and Bell Tower Brass Quintet

"We have spent a lot of time on this solo and probably would have moved on by now," Richardson said. "After this week, we will definitely start learning new pieces."

STUDENT AWARD

# Curiosity leads to new countries, award

By Darleen Denno  
Contributing Columnist

Isioma Nwadozi gets off a plane to find himself in a new, yet familiar situation. He is once again in a new country, trying to unify the people that surround him. Because of his efforts, he is the recipient of The Society of International Ambassadors Scholarship.

Nwadozi's curiosity with other countries led him to study abroad. He studied and lived in Nigeria, Cuba and Hong Kong before coming to the U.S.

"The best way to learn stuff has always been through experience, so I thought it would be best if I exposed myself to the world," Nwadozi said.

Nwadozi is Pre-Med and thoroughly involved with the Northwest Campus. He is secretary of the AFA (African Friends Association) and apart of ISO (International Student Organization), Minority Men's Organization and Tri-Beta (Biological Society). He is also extremely active in B.R.I.D.G.E. (Building Relationships and Integrating Diverse Growth Experiences). They are the multicultural

facilitators in residence halls. Nwadozi's job is promoting diversity on campus, through programs such as M.O.S.I.A.C. and the Amazing Race.

"We help promote multiculturalism and diversity through various means...we put out programs aimed at allowing people to come out of their box and open their minds," Nwadozi said. "We're in college, something about college is you're here to learn. Yes, education comes in the form of class. Education also comes through experiences."

In the fall, there was a campus-wide event called M.O.S.I.A.C. (Midwest Organization of Students Advancing Interculturalism). This is an event where students of all cultures come together to learn about one another. Nwadozi put on a program from his own culture.

"In the lgbo culture, there's a way you welcome someone into your community...I just kind of simulated it into a program—clapping, singing in my native language, dancing," Nwadozi said. They also had an intercultural dance and poetry competitions. Anyone that wanted to participate had the chance.

The B.R.I.D.G.E. program hosts the event, "The Amazing Race." The event happens on April 4. It consists of running around campus with a partner to complete tasks at certain places that lead to more clues. The event is free and there are prizes for the winning pair. This is a great chance to meet new people and unify the campus.

All of his involvement with these programs proves Nwadozi's commitment to Northwest. Nwadozi's dedication to the Northwest campus and to education is reflected by his winning The Society of International Ambassadors Scholarship.

In order to qualify for The Society of International Ambassadors Scholarship the student must have an F1 Visa and write an exceptional essay on why he or she deserves the scholarship.

Polly Howard, a development officer with the Northwest Foundation, said

"Nwadozi's scholarship was made possible by The Society of International Ambassadors (SIA). The SIA is a giving society established in 2005 to support international students at Northwest Mis-

souri State University. The group consists of alumni and friends of Northwest. Members of SIA contribute private dollars on an annual basis to a fund that has been established through Northwest Foundation, Inc. The group supports scholarships for international students, as well as an International Emergency Fund, Celebration of Culture Series through the Intercultural and International Center (IIC) and various other projects and initiatives along the way as the IIC continues to grow and prosper."

Members' financial contributions have helped create a scholarship for international students who wish to continue their education at Northwest beyond their first year. Gifts to the SIA also help broaden the Celebration of Culture Series and expand the International Emergency Fund."

Nwadozi said, "Receiving the scholarship was made possible because of the Society of Int'l Ambassadors and their desire to recognize the efforts of all international students. I hope that this scholarship will encourage coming together and allow us to appreciate one another."

## COUNCIL: City's needs important

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to tackle the wastewater plans, and work on ways to attract and keep businesses in the community. He also said the current city council budget is effective, but also stressed the importance of maintaining a lean budget.

Joseph Bellinger told the forum he was interested in getting better businesses in downtown Maryville. He stressed the importance of finding an attention-getter downtown, something that made the city unique.

Shawn Wake said he was running for

Maryville City Council because Maryville gave him so many opportunities that he felt it was his turn to give back. "I want to listen to people...I want you to tell me what you want for the city," he said. Wake feels the people's needs are most important. He feels the street project is excellent. He said the current Public Safety system should continue to be the leader in public safety departments, and needs a high recruitment retainment.

Also on the ballot are Shirley Mounts and Brian Schimming, who were not present at the forum.

## EMPLOYMENT: Students' options limited

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But for right now, that's not the case.

Rather, supervisors should avoid increasing their student employees' hours for the rest of FY '09 to avoid running into overages, said Ray Courter, vice president of finance and support services.

McClain said she doesn't expect many departments to fall into a budget crunch with their current

FY '09 money, which makes the likelihood of summer workforce reductions small. Typically, 250 to 300 of the institution's 1,000 student employees work during the summer trimester, McClain said.

If supervisors do have to make those cuts, students who rely on their campus jobs to stay in college would likely keep their jobs over those whose financial situations are less dire, Courter said.

As for next year's student

labor expenses, Courter said some reserves are available to help offset increasing costs, such as the expected minimum wage hike on Jan. 1, 2010. Still, supervisors will still need to be "as frugal as they can" with what they're given, he said.

"There can't be any increase in hours of work if there isn't any money for it," Courter said. "The math works if we don't change too much."

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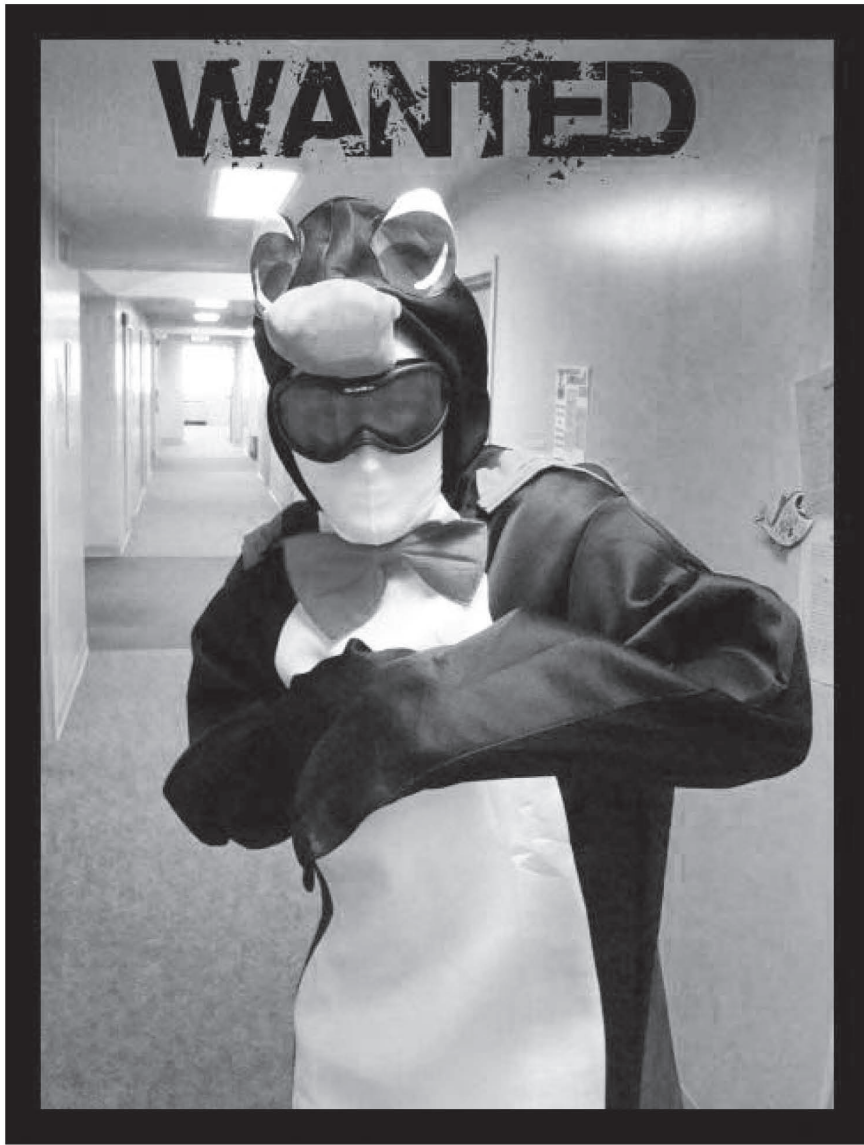
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# Students try to include French as new major

By Elizabeth Sexton  
Chief Reporter

If you can speak three languages you're trilingual; speak two and you are bilingual.

What if you can speak only one language?

According to the 2000 decennial census, you are like 91 percent of Americans.

This trimester, a growing number of Northwest students have chimed in with foreign language advocates across America, rallying for higher education systems to redefine priorities in language programs.

An informal survey, internally conducted in language classes, revealed a peaked interest from students who would consider taking a French major if Northwest was to offer it.

"The results of the survey show that there really is interest in French; we just need to expand that interest so that these students can pursue it," said student Brandy King. "It is a viscous cycle that people don't take French because we don't offer the major or minor; they would like to, but we don't have it because the university has not seen the visible interest."

French is officially spoken in 33 countries, second only to English – spoken in 45 countries – and can be taken at Northwest through an intermediate level.

Prospective students who wish to major or minor in the language have been lured to other universities; while some students have said they will consider transferring.

"I prefer French to other languages because of its prominence in the political and business world," said King who plans on transferring to University of Missouri Kansas City next fall to major in French.

Northwest does offer degree programs in Spanish, which is the most popular language studied in America and according to the last census, is spoken at home by almost 11 million U.S. residents.

Despite the lack of course programming, students who wish to further their French are not being ignored.

In August, four students will receive university credit while participating in a week-long total French immersion at Université Sainte-Anne in Nova Scotia.

"From eight o'clock in the morning to ten o'clock at night you speak nothing but French," said French professor Nissa Ingraham who will be joining the students.

Students caught speaking English will get two warnings. Upon a third English utterance, they will be asked to leave the program.

Additionally, last January, a slightly less strict French speaking immersion was welcomed directly on campus.

Arnaud Somé traveled for three days from Burkina Faso, a former French colony landlocked in West Africa, to become a Bearcat while learning his fifth language: English.

Burkina Faso is considered a Francophone – a country where French is the primary language. In addition to French, three regional languages are spoken by Burkinabé.

Somé has educational passions for computer technology and language; after English, he would like to master Spanish.

"Learning English is a challenge for me; you are not supposed to know everything, but if you don't know something, try to know," he said "This is my philosophy: if you don't know, don't worry, but try."

He said that body language has helped him through his first

# Pardon my FRENCH

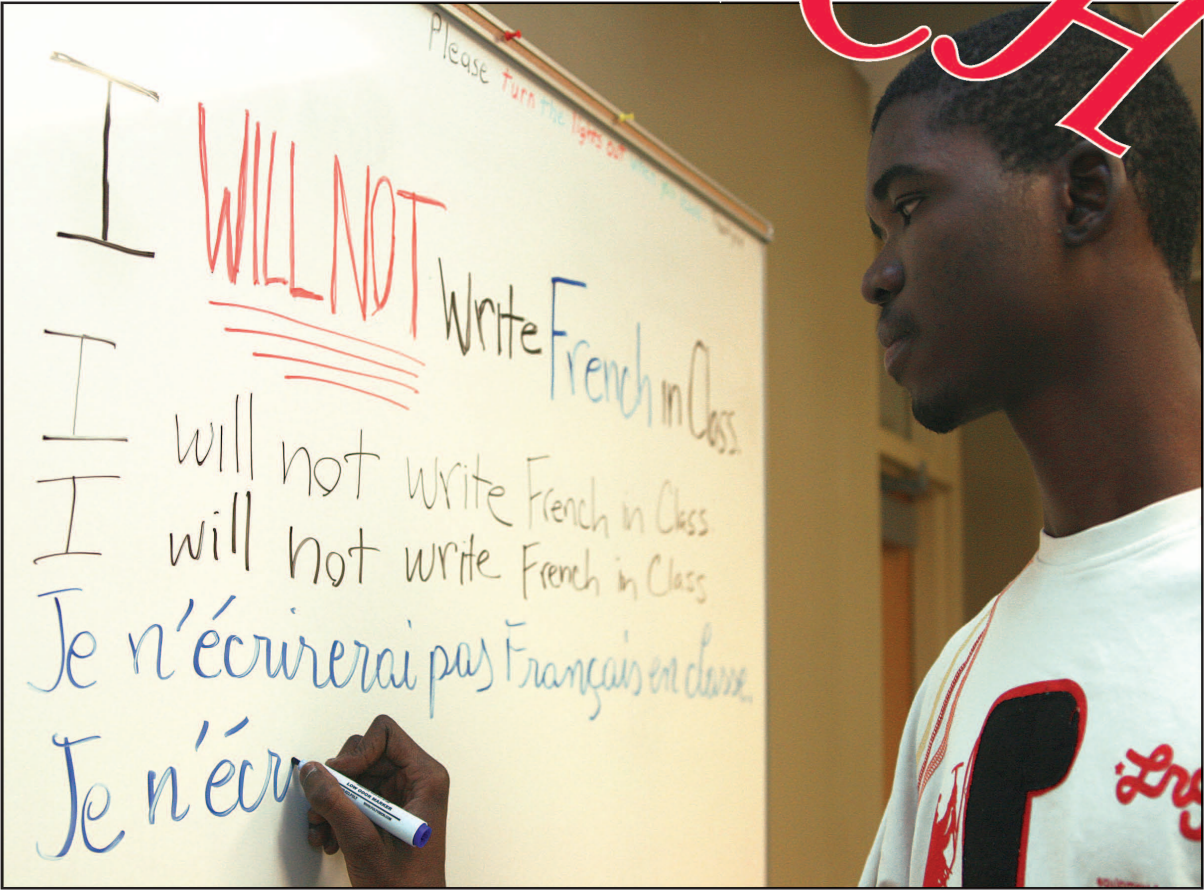


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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ARNAUD Somé came to Northwest to study Computer Science and bring his knowledge of technology back to his country Burkina Faso in Africa. Many are surprised when they learn Somé speaks French. Somé would like to steer the University toward offering a major in French which he would like to assist with.

three months of English immersion, which is seemingly evident in his never-fading smile.

"I'm always optimistic and try to learn lessons and to overcome," said Somé. "Life is good; don't complicate your life."

He thanks his father and

mother, an electrical engineer and nurse residing in urban Burkina, for shaping his positive disposition, never shielding him from the suffering in the village of his ancestors nor the struggles within African education.

Unlike America, free pub-

lic education is not provided in Burkina Faso. Even if one can afford the annual costs of approximately \$97 USD – which is above the means of most Burkinabé families – Somé said poorly structured classes still make it easy to fail.

Someday Somé will give back to his country, sharing the results of his education in computer science.

"What I learn I want to practice," he said. "If you have knowledge, it is not interesting to keep that inside of you; so you need to show others."

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## NW BASEBALL

### Pitcher plays complete game, 'Cats end struggles

By Christopher Woodland  
Sports Editor

With runners on the corners, Northwest coach Darin Loe and catcher Kreed Kurtz jogged out to the mound to meet with pitcher Bill Disselhoff in the ninth inning of Wednesday's game against Wayne State.

"(Loe) said 'There are two or three lefties coming up here, do you want Ben Stedronsky to come in and finish the game' and I said 'No way. I want this game,'" Disselhoff said.

Disselhoff allowed the runner at third to take home, but finished the first complete game for a Northwest pitcher this sea-

son. He allowed just one run as the Bearcats (11-17, 5-13 MIAA) handled Wayne State 5-1.

"I think this is one of the best-played baseball games definitely in the last couple years," Loe said.

Aided by Brandon Kirsch's homer in the bottom of the second, Northwest jumped out to a 3-0 lead after three innings. It clung to that lead until outfielder Chris Benham scored in the eighth on an error, and Tim Avants put the icing on the cake by scoring on a Kirsch fly out.

"I think that it was nice to jump out and hit some balls hard in the first and second," Loe said. "I think there was a few innings

in there where we didn't hit the ball as hard because the pitcher was putting the ball down in the zone, a credit to him, but then we made good adjustments toward the end."

Wednesday's game came in stark contrast to the series earlier in the week against Missouri Western.

The strong pitching performance by Disselhoff gave the 'Cats' bullpen a rest, after five different pitchers stepped to the mound in Monday's nightcap.

"I think it's really just a confidence thing right now because I think our bullpen has been kind of a strength," Loe said. "Even in our losses against Missouri

Western, I thought our bullpen pitched well.

Mistakes haunted the Bearcats during Monday's double-header with Western.

The 'Cats won just one game during the four-game series. The Griffons swept Sunday's double-header by scores of 8-1 and 8-3 respectively.

Northwest fell behind early in the first game of Monday's double-header when the Griffons jumped out to a two-run first inning lead.

The game-winning score occurred in the bottom of the fourth when Stice singled with the score tied to bring Tim Beck home, and bring home a 6-5



photo by Christopher Woodland

NORTHWEST CATCHER KREED Kurtz slides into home plate against Monday during the 'Cats' only win in the series. He went two-for-two and scored two runs in the 'Cats' 6-5 win.

win.

The 'Cats plays Augustana in a pair of double-headers this weekend. The first starts at 1

p.m. Saturday at Bearcat Field, and will conclude with the second double-header starting at noon on Sunday.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL



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NEWLY APPOINTED NORTHWEST men's basketball head coach Ben McCollum talks about his goals and expectations for the team next season. The former Northwest graduate will become the 20th head coach in the 95-year history of the Northwest men's basketball program.

# A FAMILIAR FACE

## Former Bearcat returns to Maryville to lead the team he played for

By Brian Bosiljevac  
University Sports Editor

The Northwest men's basketball team welcomed home Ben McCollum on Tuesday.

McCollum was named the 20th head coach in the 95-year history of the program. He is no stranger to the program after playing during the 2001-02 and 2002-03 under then head coach Steve Tappmeyer, who retired two weeks ago from the head coaching position after 21 years.

During McCollum's years at Northwest as an athlete, he contributed to a 29-3 record and the Bearcats' first trip to the Elite Eight in 2001-02 season.

After graduating, McCollum

came back to Northwest and spent two years as the graduate assistant. He has spent the last four years at Emporia State serving as an assistant coach.

"I love it here," McCollum said. "I love the fact that Northwest is a very proactive university. We always do things before other schools and then other schools follow and react to what we're doing. That's what I try to do as the men's basketball coach, be proactive, and follow the culture that's already been created."

Northwest Director of Athletics Dr. Bob Boerigter said he looked at more than 50 candidates for the head coaching position before deciding on

McCollum. The candidates came from all different levels including Division I, Division II, Division III, NAIA, Junior College, high school and the NBA developmental league.

"The process was invigorating for me because I talked to so many (people) who had high regards for our athletics program, for the Bearcat basketball tradition and for the great success we've experienced under coach Tappmeyer's leadership," Boerigter said.

McCollum said he plans on continuing the legacy Tappmeyer left behind. He wants to keep the self-discipline and culture Tappmeyer established, but using his own enthusiastic and

high-energy attitude.

McCollum knows there is some pressure on him to try and live up to Tappmeyer's accomplishments. He tallied over 400 wins in his 21-year career. Tappmeyer's resume is full of achievements including being recognized as the MIAA Coach of the Year four times and multiple conference championships.

Up next, McCollum plans to evaluate the team he inherited from Tappmeyer and hit the recruiting trails as soon as possible.

The team he will receive gained a lot of experience last season. The 'Cats will only lose one senior, all-region forward Hunter Henry.

## NW TRACK

### Bearcats look forward to home meet this week

By Jason Lawrence  
Asst. Sports Editor

The Northwest Track and Field opened the outdoor season the same way they finished the indoor season.

Emily Churchman has already provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championships in three events.

"Emily picked up right where she left off and got best evers in the high and long jumps," head coach Scott Lorek said. "Then she came out and got another provisional qualifier this week. Things are paying off and we're planning on the progression continuing."

At the Tulsa Duels, Churchman qualified in the high jump with a jump of five feet, seven inches and in the long jump with a distance of 18 meters, six and one-half feet. She also provisionally qualified in the heptathlon at the Herschel Neil Decathlon and Ashley Nally Heptathlon on Monday. The indoor All-American scored 4,612 points in the seven events, winning three and placing second in two others.

Trevor Johannsen and Ben McKim were strong at the weather-shortened Missouri Relays in Columbia. Johannsen finished fourth in the 10,000 meter run in 32 minutes and 45.27 seconds. McKim threw 161-5 in the finals of the hammer throw to finish fourth.

"Last year was terrible all the way through," Lorek said. "Obviously, we're hoping for some good weather. It doesn't have to be great, but if it's decent, I think we can get some qualifiers."

At Bearcat Stadium, Jennifer Kiss and Tierney Eaton complimented Churchman's qualifying performance by finishing third and fourth in the heptathlon with 4,292 and 4,046 points, respectively.

Zane Myers turned in four personal bests for the Bearcats in the decathlon. Herecorded career-bests in the long jump, high jump, 400-meter dash and pole vault. Myers scored 5,674 points in his first collegiate decathlon.

"I'm really happy with the team and the progression of everyone and they way they're pulling together and working really hard," Lorek said.

The 'Cats stay at home this weekend to compete in the Jock's Nitch Northwest Open on Saturday.

"I think the team is excited about staying at home and not having to travel anywhere," Lorek said. "Just by virtue of being at home, I think we're going to have some good performances regardless of the competition."



GOLF

Golfers sent  
back indoors  
due to weather

By A.J. Martin  
Missourian Reporter

Last weekend’s snowfall and cold temperatures forced the Northwest golf team to delay their spring opener and forced the Bearcats back indoors at least for a few more days.

The ‘Cats were scheduled to participate in the Missouri Western Invitational this past weekend in St. Joseph, Mo., however the tournament was cancelled due to the inclement weather that moved into the region last weekend.

Coach Pat McLaughlin voiced his disappointment in hearing the news that they would not be competing this past weekend.

“It’s disappointing, and very frustrating because the girls have been working so hard to get ready for this first meet of the spring,” McLaughlin said. “We have been dealing with the weather, which is always hard when we are unable to get outside and actually practice the skills that are needed to be successful out on the course.”

The ‘Cats have been confined to hitting balls indoors, and getting out on the driving range and putting greens at Mozingo when the weather has cooperated.

“I will say this, with the hand that has been dealt to the girls they have been doing an great job of hitting the weight room and are continuing to push through these annoying tweaner months of winter and spring.”

Northwest will have to wait until this weekend as they are scheduled to participate in the Bulldog Classic at the Kirksville Country Club. The team will try to keep the ball rolling on its strong performance turned in at the end of the fall.

As of press time tee times have not been announced. The tournament will get underway this Friday and follow into Saturday, weather permitting of course.

TENNIS

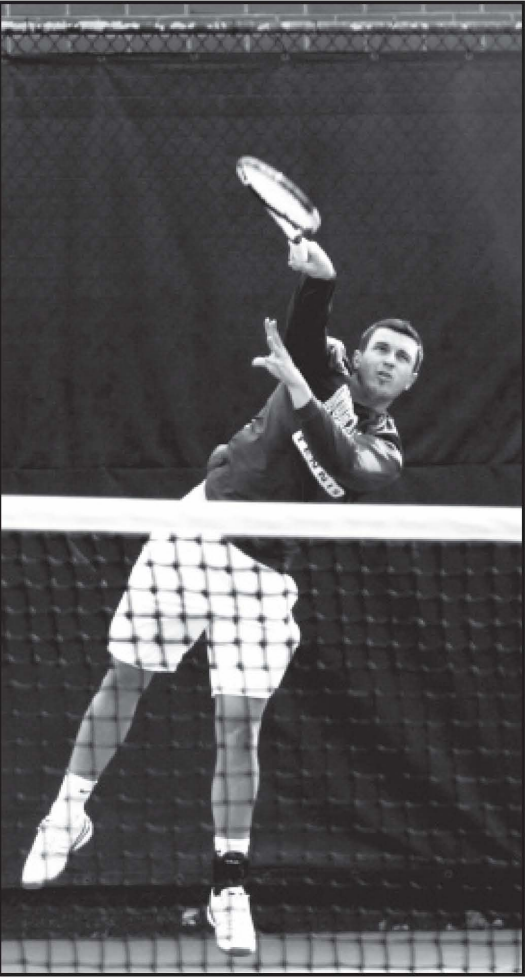


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FRESHMEN RYAN WESTERHOF serves the ball Wednesday against Rock-hurst. The men’s tennis team won the match 8-1. The Bearcats are riding a hot streak as they enter into a four-match home-stand. The ‘Cats are preparing for Emporia State who come to Frank Grube Courts 3:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL

First home game of season awaits ‘Cats

By Brian Bosiljevac  
University Sports Editor

Conference play began Monday for the Northwest softball team. After splitting a double header with Missouri Southern, the Bearcats came away empty handed in a trip to Pittsburg State.

The ‘Cats are off to a 1-3 start in conference action and hold a 10-24 overall record. In the double-header, against Pittsburg State, hitting was not a problem as the ‘Cats brought in 20 hits and 9 runs between the two games. The ‘Cats dropped the game 9-5 and 6-4, respectively.

“We had to hit the ball to keep us in the game,” head coach Ryan Anderson said. “We had to come back twice

to tie the game and we just didn’t make routine plays. We had a ton of people out of position, but we are half way through the year now and they should be able to make those routine plays.”

The ‘Cats have played 34 games so far this season, but will be taking their home field for the first time on Friday against Washburn.

“It’s pretty exciting because we will get to have the support of our friends and our family,” senior Megan Simpson said. “A lot of times they can make it easier when it’s a closer game. It’s our field; we know how the ball bounces. It’s more relaxing to get up to play and be like, ‘oh this our territory,’ it’s what we’re use to.”

The weekend will be rounded out with another home double-header against Emporia State. The ‘Cats will then remain at home for their next five games, all of which are double-headers.

Washburn lost its first two conference games. Both of those games were against Missouri Western. The ‘Cats also dropped a double header to Western earlier in the season at the Pittsburg State Invitational.

Emporia State has not started conference play yet, but holds an 18-7 overall record for this season.

“Right now anybody’s tough for us,” Anderson said. “Right now it doesn’t matter who we’re playing because we’re the ones beating ourselves. We’re

into the win column once again by a margin of 6-3, and bolstered their season record to 8-3 (2-0 in conference) in the process.

Much like in the men’s match, Missouri-St. Louis gave the 39th ranked Bearcats reason for concern as UMSL’s Pujitha Bandi knocked off Northwest’s Lina Gomez (6-4, 2-6, 6-2) in the opening match of singles competition. The Bearcats’ Lisa Pendrak, Jordan Lipira, Veronica Castilla, and Erika Leston managed to put Northwest back in front however, as they placed together four consecutive victories before Missouri-St. Louis’ Adriana Garcia bested Allison Wulff (6-3, 6-2) in the final match of singles play.

The final two matches of the day went just the way the Bearcats hoped they would, as Lipira and Castilla defeated Leticia Garcia and Katie Rynkiewicz (8-2), and Gomez and Wulff ousted Adriana Garcia and Altanzul Gombo in the final match of the day by an 8-2 margin

Conference rival Emporia State heads into town on April 3 before Washburn takes their shot at the ‘Cats on the following day.

BASEBALL SEASON STATS

Northwest		Opponents
7.74	HITS/Game	9.33
4.3	RUNS/Game	6.1
.245	BATTING AVE.	.288
15	HOME RUNS	27
55	ERRORS	44
3.77	RBIs/Game	5.63
.312	ON BASE %	.370
5.83	Pitchers’ Ks/9	7.86
5.52	Pitchers’ ERA	3.36

SEASON LEADERS

Batting Average	ERA
1.) .314 Trevor Conner	1.) 2.79 Trevor Theisman
2.) .303 Jared Erspamer	2.) 3.77 Jacob Kemper
3.) .286 Matt Stice	3.) 3.94 Ben Stedronsky

Home Runs	Strikeouts
1.) 3 Kreed Kurtz, Bill Disselhoff, Brandon Kirsch, Nick Pfeifer	1.) 27 Bret Harvel
	2.) 18 Christian Dekker
	3.) 16 Danny Malone

RBIs	Stolen Bases
1.) 18 Kreed Kurtz	1.) 12 Matt Stice
2.) 12 Trevor Conner	2.) 4 Chris Benham and Tim Beck
3.) 11 Matt Stice	

SOFTBALL SEASON STATS

Northwest		Opponents
7.13	HITS/Game	8.31
3.71	RUNS/GAME	5.06
.265	BATTING AVE.	.305
17	HOME RUNS	30
49	ERRORS	31
3.37	RBIs/Game	4.5
.329	ON BASE %	.359
4.28	Pitchers’ Ks/9	6.06
4.17	Pitchers’ ERA	2.65

SEASON LEADERS

Batting Average	ERA
1.) .340 - Tiffany Carter	1.) 3.66 - Cola Krueger
2.) .333 - Casey Carper	2.) 3.85 - Nicole Ackelson
3.) .302 - Erin Leslie	3.) 5.28 - Kelsey Rea

Home Runs	Strikeouts
1.) 5 - Tiffany Carter	1.) 58 - Cola Krueger
2.) 3 - Jennifer Bohle and Sarah Saladino	2.) 25 - Kelsey Rea
	3.) 16 - Nicole Achelson

RBIs	Stolen Bases
1.) 31- Tiffany Carter	1.) 8 - Casey Carper Erin Leslie
2.) 14 - Sarah Saladino	
3.) 12 - Casey Carper	3.) 6 - Jennifer Bohle

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GIRLS' SOCCER

Loss mars the start of the girls' soccer season

By Jason Lawrence  
Asst. Sports Editor

The Maryville girls' soccer team has spent more of their season in the gym than on the field. Their first scheduled game of the season against Savannah was postponed due to poor weather conditions. "So far, we've spent more time in the gym than on an actual soccer field because of the weather," head coach Bayo Oludaja said. "So, we need more time to understand each other's patterns of movement better."

In the one game the Spoofhounds did play, they lost 2-0 versus St. Joseph Lafayette.

"In the only game we've played this season, we had 24 shots at goal, but no goals," Oludaja said. "That means we need to improve on finishing."

In addition to working on finishing, the team is training to be flexible to adapt to their opponents' style of play. They want to outpace their opponents, but want flexibility just in case, Oludaja said.

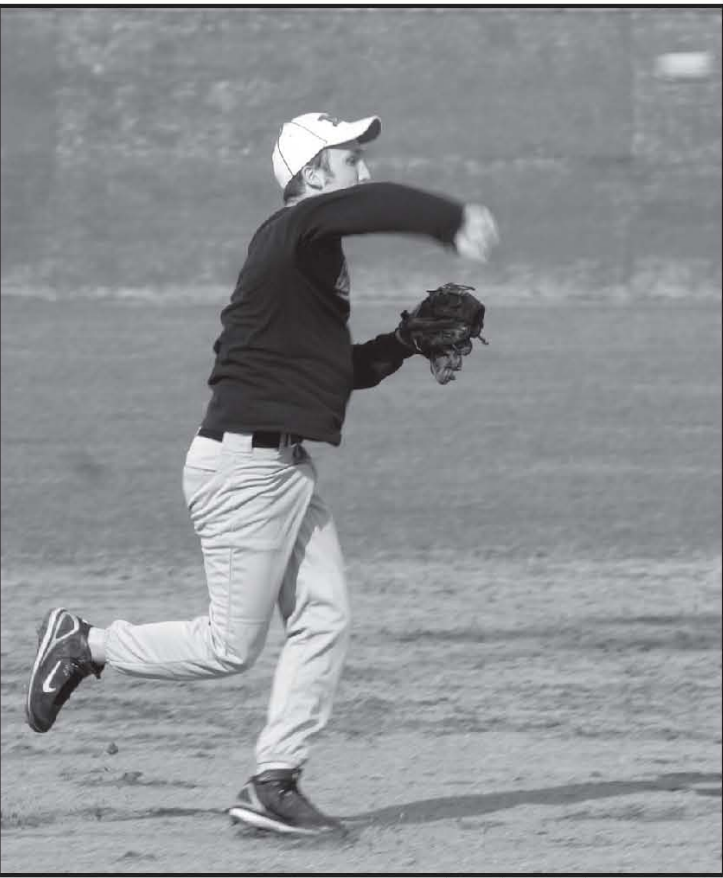
However, there have been some bright spots to having to practice inside more often and only playing one game so far.

"Taking practices and that one game into consideration," Oludaja said, "I've been impressed by the cooperative attitude of the girls and by the speed and desire that some of them showed in our first game."

The opening game of the season was rescheduled to this Friday. The 'Hounds hope to improve upon their 0-1 record against Savannah at 4 p.m. at Donaldson-Westside Park.

The game that was previously scheduled for Friday against Kansas City Northeast has also been rescheduled. That game will take place Saturday at Donaldson-Westside Park at 4 p.m.

BASEBALL



THIRD BASEMAN ZAC SCHIEBER runs through position drills Wednesday during practice. The 'Hounds are looking to play cleaner baseball after their 21-0 defeat to Benton Monday.

'Hounds struggle against MIAA foe, head to Lafayette this week

By Dustin Sander  
Community Sports Editor

The Maryville baseball team fell to Benton in a sloppy game 21-0 Monday night in St. Joseph.

The Monday night game only lasted five innings, due to the mercy rule. Benton jumped on the Spoofhounds in the bottom of the first going up 3-0. Benton scored in every inning and accumulated 21 runs with only 10 hits.

"We really need to work on taking care of the ball, cleaning up, coach Thom Alvarez said. "We've had too many errors up to this point."

Although the team suffered a bad loss Monday night they are still looking ahead to the rest of the season. Alvarez sees many positives early in his team's season.

"The bright spots are that we've been hitting the ball pretty well," Alvarez said. "We've been doing really well our situational hitting and base running, moving guys over and taking extra bases."

After the Benton game the 'Hounds dropped their record to 1-2. Maryville started its season off at home with a loss to Nebraska City. The 'Hounds then stayed at home to face Lincoln Prep where they won their first game of the season 7-2. Spencer Twaddle started pitching for the 'Hounds only allowing two hits but senior Adam Mattson picked up the teams first win from the mound.

Alvarez sees many surprising positives after his team's first three games. Second baseman Gage Hayes is hitting the ball really well Alvarez

said. Hayes is batting .429 and scored three runs.

The 'Hounds are also graced by two surprising freshmen contributing to the varsity squad; freshmen catcher Payton Scarbrough and center fielder Tyler Walter. Scarbrough has helped the team out a lot behind the plate Alvarez said.

Leading all pitchers is Mattson who is 1-0 with a 0.00 ERA.

"He's only pitched a few innings but has looked very impressive so far," Alvarez said.

The 'Hounds will be playing all their home games at Beale Park Due to the school district is under taking some major renovations to the high school field.

The 'Hounds will play against Lafayette at 4:30 p.m. tonight in St. Joseph.

BOYS' GOLF

Boys drop first match of year, expect to improve

By Dustin Sander  
Community Sports Editor

The Maryville boys' golf team lost their first match of the season last Thursday to Savannah and Smithville.

The Spoofhounds scored 172 in cold and windy conditions in Smithville at Paradise Pointe Golf Complex.

The 'Hounds were led by three sophomores: Matt Downing, Trevor Shell and Tanner Reames. Downing led the team with a score of 40.

Smithville won the meet with a score of 150, all four golfers for Smithville shot

below 40 with the lowest scorer shooting a 36.

Savannah, who was thought to be the toughest competition by coach Brenda Ricks, only beat Maryville by three strokes with a score of 169.

The bus was late get-

"They didn't have the best of situations to get warmed up. I was pleased with what they did," Ricks said. "I was thinking that Savannah was going to be our toughest competition but then Smithville slipped in. We can hold our own with Savannah."

- Brenda Ricks  
Head Coach

ting to Smithville, so the boys had to get off the bus and start playing right away. There was a road closed and the bus got lost. The team didn't get a chance to hit balls or get warmed up, Ricks said.

"Getting warmed up was

tough because we didn't get to practice when we got there," Shell said. "We didn't get to work on the putting green and didn't get to hit any golf balls, we just had to go out and play cold."

Despite the problems the team encountered on the way, Ricks was happy with the outcome of the team's first competition of the season.

"They didn't have the best of situations to get warmed up. I was pleased with what they did," Ricks said. "I was thinking that Savannah was going to be our toughest competition but then Smithville

slipped in. We can hold our own with Savannah."

The team was also pleased with what they saw in their first match.

"I think we'll do pretty good this year, hopefully top two or three in the (Midland Empire Conference) this year," Shell said.

Ricks knows what her team must work on to improve to finish at the top of the conference. The weakest part of the 'Hounds game Thursday the short game.

The 'Hounds will play at 4 p.m. today in St. Joseph against Lafayette.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Sophomore Zane Myers turned in one of the best performances of his career last weekend. He racked up 5,674 points in his first collegiate decathlon at the Hershel Neil Decathlon hosted by Northwest on Sundy and Mondsy of this week. He recorded personal bests in the long jump, high jump, 400-meter dash and pole vault.

**Zane Myers**



Krueger recorded her first shutout of the season when she struck out nine in a 5-0 win over Missouri Southern. She pitched 11 straight innings without allowing a run. That stretch spans over her last three appearances in which she has allowed three hits. Her recent success has lowered her season ERA to a team-best 3.66.

**Cola Krueger**



Bill Disselhoff, who normally plays third base for the Bearcats pitched all nine innings and only allowed one run in Northwest's 5-1 win over Wayne State (Neb.) on Wednesday. It was the first time a Bearcat pitcher pitched an entire game this season. The game lowered Disselhoff's ERA 3.2 points. The win improves a season record to 2-1.

**Bill Disselhoff**



Churchman won the Ashley Nally Heptathlon last weekend. She won three events, and placed second in two other as the provisionally qualified for nationals for the third time this spring. She accumulated 4,612 points in the event, and is currently sixth in the nation. This comes after she earned indoor All-American honors earlier this month.

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McCollum has shoes to fill..so did these guys

With the hiring of Ben McCollum to replace Steve Tappmeyer earlier this week, he has joined the cast of people who get the opportunity to replace a legend.

Here is a list of the top four legend replacements in sports history:

1.) Mickey Mantle replaces Joe DiMaggio. DiMaggio's last year as a Yankee was 1951, Mantle's first year as a Yankee was 1951.

DiMaggio accumulated a .325 lifetime batting average, earned three MVP awards and is viewed by many as the best all-around baseball player to ever live.

Mantle stepped to the plate at the same time DiMaggio retired and didn't disappoint. He led the Yankees to 12 World Series in 14 years, and still holds the record for most home runs, RBIs and runs in world series history.

In his best season, he won the triple

crown by leading the majors in homers (52), RBIs (130) and a .353 batting average.

2.) Steve Young replaces Joe Montana. Replacing a man who raised a franchise from the depths of the San Francisco Bay, to the highest tip of the Golden Gate bridge takes a bit of work. Young kind of eased into the role, playing here and there when Montana battled injuries in the late 1980s.

He got his chance to star for good when Montana sat for a solid two seasons as he rehabbed from a vicious hit by the Giants' Leonard Marshall in the 1991 playoffs.

Young led the 49ers to two NFC Championship games during that time before the 49ers' front office dealt Montana to the Chiefs. Young responded



Christopher Woodlund  
Sports Editor

by leading San Francisco to Super Bowl XXIX, and romping the Chargers for an NFL record fifth super bowl win.

3.) Bill Cowher replaces Chuck Noll.

Sure, Chuck Noll didn't have much success in the 1980s, so I doubt there was a tremendous amount of immediate pressure on Cowher to succeed immediately, but Cowher enjoyed great successes during his tenure.

He didn't win a super bowl until the Steelers beat the Seahawks in Super Bowl XV, but he took Pittsburgh to another one, and was close to several others. If not for the combinations of Mike Shannahan and John Elway in the late '90s, and Bill Belichick and Tom Brady in the 2000s, who knows

how many championships he might have brought to the "Steel City."

In addition to Cowher replacing Noel, Mike Tomlin replacing Cowher and winning a super bowl in just his second year at the helm makes the Steelers the first team to ever have three consecutive coaches win a championship.

4.) Jimmy Johnson replacing Tom Landry. Its not easy replacing a man like Tom Landry, a man that long-time Cowboys fans probably think of just by seeing a grey fedora. With good reason too. The man led them to five super bowls, more than any other coach, and won two of them.

Johnson didn't coach in as many super bowls, but won just as many in just four years as Dallas' coach before Jerry Jones decided he wanted the glory of the team's success, thus replacing Jones with Barry Switzer.

SPORTS STAFF GAME PICKS

Woody's picks

Prediction record (17-23)

Final Four

UConn vs. Michigan St — UConn Michigan State has surprised many this year, and ruined a lot of brackets by beating Louisville. I just don't see them beating UConn though. Granted I don't think UConn is the best, but I think they are quality. I really didn't even think they were worthy of a No. 1 seed, and I thought they would beat Mizzou by far worse than they did, but I don't see Michigan State in the finals, although I really wouldn't be surprised if coach Izzo and the Spartans pull off the upset.

Final Four

UNC vs. Villanova — UNC

I kow many people that hate the Tarheels, and I can't stand Roy's guts, but yet again, I just don't see the upset occurring here. 'Nova has played incredible, but the duo of Lawson and Psycho T are just too much for 'Nova to handle. Let this go to prove yet again, that people achieve more when they remove themselves from the state of Kansas.

Wrestlemania XXV

Triple H vs. Randy Orton

Triple H is the game, and he is that good. Randy Orton leaves a lot to be desired as far as living up to "The Game's" legacy.

Wrestlemania XXV

Shawn Michaels vs. Undertaker

In this matchup of classic wrestlers, it pains me to say that the Undertaker will take down "The Heart-break Kid" will suffer his first ever loss to the Phenom.

Brian "The Bulldog's" picks

Prediction record (18-22)

Final Four

UConn vs. Michigan St — UConn I figured Louisville was going to slip up and have a bad game sooner or later and at first I was happy it was against Michigan State because I figured they could still pull off the win against an over-rated Big 10 team. Well the Spartans played lights out and Sutton looked awesome in the first half to take down the Cardinals. I just can't see them pulling it off in back-to-back games against two of the best Big East teams.

Final Four

UNC vs. Villanova — Villanova

I really don't think there is a team out there who has looked as good as Nova in the tournament. They rolled into the Elite Eight with ease and kept their composure to take down a Pitt team that most people thought would win it all. After the kind of year we've seen in the Big East did you expect anything but a Big East showdown in the National Championship? By the way, I hate North Carolina. Hansborough is basketball's golden child and I am tired of hearing about it. Him and Tim Tebow should have babies and become the media's favorite couple.

Wrestlemania XXV

Who Cares

I can't believe people still watch this.

Wrestlemania XXV

Money in the Bank Ladder Match

What the hell is this? Dustin, grow up and find a real hobby.

Jason's picks

Prediction record (19-21)

Final Four

UConn vs. Michigan St — UConn Michigan State is hot, but they don't have anyone to challenge UConn inside. Stanley Robinson, Hasheem Thabeet and Jeff A drien are too much on both sides of the ball down low. Jerome Dyson's injury hasn't hurt this team nearly as much as it was expected to, they've bounced back and are playing great ball right now.

Final Four

UNC vs. Villanova — Carolina

Same situation as MSU-UConn. Villanova can't keep riding the momentum and two No. 1 seeds will meet up in the Championship. 'Nova is hot, but Carolina is better. No one out-works Tyler Hansbrough, period. Plus, Ty Lawson is playing like he deserves to be the ACC player of the year and that toe injury looks healed. Carolina's supporting cast will out play Scot-tie Reynolds and the Wildcats.

Wrestlemania XXV

Jeff Hardy vs. Matt Hardy

It's kind of weird that the tag team partners are going against each other in the extreme rules match, but since they're so similar it should make for a pretty good match. Jeff has a little more flash, so I think he'll come out on top.

Wrestlemania XXV

Edge vs. John Cena vs. Big Show

Triple Threat Match, enough said on entertainment value. Big Show needs to retire, he was popular when wrestling was actually worth watching. Cena comes out on top.

Dustin's picks

Prediction record (26-14)

Final Four

UConn vs. Michigan St — MSU Here's my new upset of the Final Four: the Spartans will knock off No. 1 seed UConn. Izzo and the Spartans are only 90 miles from their campus and on a roll. Nothing can give a team confidence like beating the No.1 overall seed by 12 points and never having the game close in the second half.

Final Four

UNC vs. Villanova — UNC

I really want to pick Villanova to win this game but I can't. I can not stand Roy Williams and Tyler Hansbrough along with the rest of the UNC fans I meet who have never even been to Carolina. I hate to say it but North Carolina is just too good, the way the Tar Heels rolled over Oklahoma last weekend this small 'Nova will be no match for UNC.

Wrestlemania XXV

Shawn Micheals vs. Undertaker

Shawn Micheals has been my favorite wrestler ever since the first time I watched wrestling. The Deadman just so happens to be 16-0 at Wrestlemania woo hoo. It's time for the Deadman to face the Show Stopper, the Icon, the Headliner, the Main Event and not to mention Mr. Wrestlemania; Shawn Micheals.

Wrestlemania XXV

Money in the Bank Ladder Match

Christian will have a great WWE comeback starting with winning the Money in the Bank.

MIAA STANDINGS

BASEBALL	MIAA		OVERALL	
Team	W	L	W	L
Emporia State (3)	14	2	25	5
UNO (19)	14	4	24	9
Missouri Southern	10	6	18	12
Central Missouri	9	7	15	9
Fort Hays	10	10	18	16
Washburn	6	6	12	12
Missouri Western	7	9	13	14
Pittsburg State	6	8	9	19
NORTHWEST	5	13	10	17
Southwest Baptist	5	13	7	20
Truman	4	12	6	23

SOFTBALL	MIAA		OVERALL	
Team	W	L	W	L
Pittsburg State	2	0	20	3
Fort Hays	1	1	19	4
Southwest Baptist	1	1	16	8
Missouri Southern	1	1	9	10
NORTHWEST	1	3	10	7
Missouri Western	0	0	25	7
UNO ( 23)	0	0	22	17
Central Missouri	0	0	15	15
Emporia State	0	0	17	11
Washburn	0	0	13	16
Truman State	0	0	8	16

MENS' TENNIS	MIAA		OVERALL	
Team	W	L	W	L
NORTHWEST (26)	2	0	8	3
Washburn (34)	1	1	5	3
Southwest Baptist	2	1	5	5
Truman	1	2	4	2
Emporia State	0	1	5	3
UNO	0	2	4	6

WOMENS' TENNIS	MIAA		OVERALL	
Team	W	L	W	L
NORTHWEST	4	0	7	2
Washburn	2	0	6	2
UNO	4	1	7	7
Truman	3	1	10	1
Emporia State	1	1	4	3
Southwest Baptist	1	3	4	5
Fort Hays	1	3	4	7
Missouri Southern	0	4	3	4
Missouri Western	0	4	1	7

RUNS SCORED	CL	G	R	R/G
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Nocita, Amanda MWSU	SR	29	26	.90
Douglas, Brittany MWSU	SO	29	24	.83
Leslie, Erin NWMSU	JR	30	22	.73
Diehl, Becky MWSU	JR	29	21	.72
Hudson, Ashley MWSU	SO	28	20	.71
Bernal, Maria PSU	SR	31	22	.71
Mortimer, McKenzie SBU	JR	32	22	.69
Munoz, Katrina SBU	JR	32	22	.69
Tani, Sara FHSU	SO	35	24	.69

Stat of the week

11 Senior Cola Kruger pitched a complete game shut out against Missouri Southern, extending her streak to 11 scoreless innings pitched.

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# Top 4 picks

By Brian Johnson  
*Entertainment Reporter*

Coming to theaters: "Adventureland" opens up Friday. The movie stars Kristen Stewart ("Twilight") and Jesse Eisenberg ("The Squid and the Whale") and follows a group of kids working at a cheap amusement park. The film was written and directed by Greg Mottola who also directed "Superbad." Expect "Adventureland" to follow the same formula of sex comedy as "Superbad." Anyone who ever had to work a horrible summer job but made friends along the way is sure to love this film.



New album to check out: Keith Urban's "Defying Gravity" was released this week. Urban over the past few years, has crossed over from a virtuoso guitar-playing country star into the pop music scene. His past five albums have been embraced among country fans and guitar geeks alike, and his new one will deliver. Early reviews say Urban is getting back to his fiery hit songwriting ways with inspiration from his new child and wife Nicole Kidman fueling the flame.

New DVD to check out: "Marley and Me" was released Tuesday. This adorable family film will enter the heart of anyone who ever had a pet that they loved unconditionally. The movie follows the life of a couple played by Jennifer Aniston and Owen Wilson and their life with "the world's worst dog" Marley. While Marley is very stubborn, the viewer sees that Marley loves the couple up to the heart-breaking climax of the movie. Bring Kleenex to this one.



Song of the week: "Your Call" by Secondhand Serenade can't get out of this writer's head this week. Secondhand Serenade is a solo project by singer-songwriter John Vesely and he is certainly serenading women and rock fans alike with his soft acoustic rock. His chants of "I was born to tell you I love you" in this song will definitely give you the desire to put it on your latest mix CD for your crush. Vesely has already achieved chart success with "Fall for You," and this latest song is equal in quality and will be equal in success. Be sure to check out these songs and others on Secondhand Serenade's album, "A Twist in My Story."

## STROLLER

### Your Man is cut from the same cloth

I recently had a conversation with some friends about all men being cut from the same cloth. I feel that all men are basically the same, and have the same urges, just some hide it better than others.

There are men who are pretending to be that nice guy to your ladies, your man says that it's foolishness and you should stop your nonsense. I'm not telling you to be a complete fool, and rampant cheater, like I did last week. Just quit making the rest of us look like idiots.

But it's not a man's fault for being a man. We were built this way, we can't help it. We fart, spit, itch, and pick our noses without shame because we are men. It is the fault of women that make men feel they should pamper their ladies and make the rest of us look like cavemen.

A friend of mine told me that her boyfriend would not appreciate the anatomy of a certain female in a certain YouTube video of a girl shaking what God gave her to Soldier Boy's "She Got a Donk." I said "Liar!"

I will argue that 100% of all men would find that appealing. And if they were not into that sort of thing, they would find something along their orientation similar to that just as cool.

To all the men who have their old ladies fooled, shame



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on you. If your girlfriend would claim you as one of these perfect guys, who would never look at that "Smut" your doing everyone else a disservice.

You're the guys who dress up, shower daily, wear cologne, dye your hair, go tanning, and shower your woman with anything she could desire. You're the exact same as the rest of us, just better at it.

To the ladies: don't be so naive. Your man is a man. If he weren't a man, you would be dating a woman. Don't hold him to the standards you hold your lady friends. You need to understand that no matter how nice he is, he only has one goal. We're all adults, or at least most of us, and we should all know what that goal is. It is scientific fact that that single goal is the

strongest male instinct. That one desire has controlled our public policy for thousands of years and it's worked out so far.

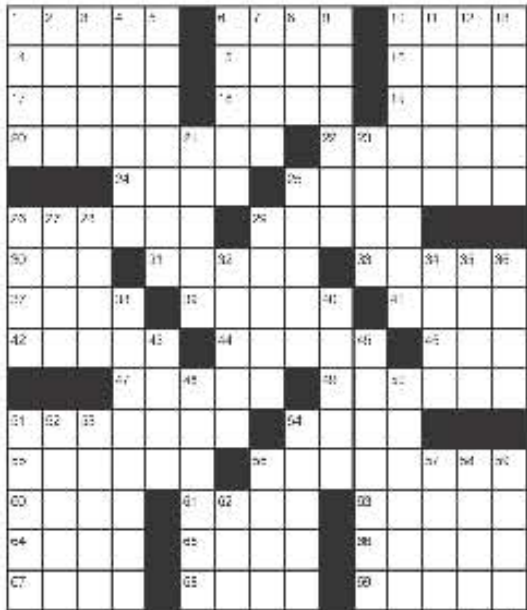
Do you think George Washington wore a powdered wig and wooden teeth to look good to his soldiers? Hell no that old dog dressed nice to get somewhere with the ladies. Benjamin Franklin might have acted the gentlemen, but we all know now he was a dirty old man.

I guess all I'm trying to say is men, be men. Ladies, let your men be men and quit holding us to standards. The dirty truth is guys are guys. I cannot be helped, learn to deal.

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  - 24 Pro votes
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  - 31 One of the Weyans
  - 33 No smooth
  - 37 Crucifix inscription
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## REVIEW

### 'Les' is more, in terms of band's new album

Fresh from his personal recording studio, Rancho Relaxo, Les Claypool's "Of Fungi and Foe" is musical bliss in a 50-minute package.

Claypool's talent on the bass guitar is matched by none. No, not even the greats like Geddy Lee, Flea, or even Victor Wooten can outplay Colonel Claypool. But just what exactly makes him so amazing? To start out, the first couple of reasons can be heard in his music. If the unique sound found on "Of Fungi and Foe" wasn't enough, maybe the

amount of talent alone can offer a little persuasion.

Words can't even begin to describe how talented Claypool and his band mates are. It starts with the never-ending improvisation jam sessions during the live shows that last minutes at a time, which carries over into incredible music. Claypool shows his driving, hard rocking, super funky side in "Amanitas." The



Marshall Carlson  
Entertainment Reporter

show states "I can feel your poison." This is one poison you want to consume you. The album also has a jazzy side as shown in "Kamo," but it's also safe to say the album has a bizarre side that you won't find anywhere else.

Claypool is currently touring, and leaving each city he visits with "its own slice of the Oddity Faire." He has described the show as "a freak

show for the freaks, by the freaks."

Claypool displays his staggering proficiency of five different kinds of basses throughout the 12 tracks on the album. He ranges from the basic electric and string basses to oddities such as the bass banjo, dobro bass and whamalo, and also pitches in a penny whistle and "über-dogs of doom." Still not enough? How about the fact that he plays these instruments and sings his distinguished vocals on top?

The sound alone is a very

convincing argument, but let's look at some of his work on the side. Claypool is best known for writing the theme songs for both "South Park" and "Robot Chicken," but he has done more than music. In 2006 he released his debut full-length film, "Electric Apricot: Quest for Festeroo," and his first novel, "South of the Pumpthouse." It seems as though Claypool produces nothing but a burning flame of unique creativity. When it comes to Les Claypool, 'Les' really is more.

## REVIEW

### Nash's upbeat, melodic 'Made of Bricks' makes it to U.S.

By Mallory Dahmer  
*Missourian Reporter*

This little lady from London has made her way to popularity on the other side of the globe.

The attitude expressed through her lyrics gives a little kick and variety from artists that have similar sounds. It is also shown through her unique style of dress that gives her a positive appeal.

Some of her greatest musical

inspirations are Regina Spektor, Feist and Joanna Newsom. Nash's music sounds similar to Regina Spektor and their voices are comparable.

Nash's U.S. album, "Made of Bricks" was released in 2007 and can now be found on iTunes. She also has an EP available to buy titled, "Foundations."

The hit single, "Foundations" begins with a piano measure that continues for the remainder of the song. On the album, this song

is named, "full explicit version," which I think adds a bit of flavor to the song.

Nash's cover of the song "Baby Love," originally performed by The Supremes, is also well done. It has a softer tone than her other work and shows a quieter side of Nash. The single is simple and beautiful, both instrumentally and vocally.

Her wittiness in "Merry Happy" is clever and easy for the listener to relate to. The tempo

on the album version of this song is faster than the original, but makes the song a little more unique.

Her music is upbeat with nice piano melodies. Nash plays the piano, acoustic and electric guitar, percussion and synthesizer. Other members of the band play a variety of instruments such as tambourine, bass, drum, and violin, which add a different element to the music.

Originally from Dublin, Ire-

land, Nash now lives in London while making her way to fame around the world. In 2007, Nash signed a record deal with Fiction Records. Being that she is only 21 years old, Nash has a lot of time to make herself known.

Nash will be coming back to the U.S. for another tour in April and May. Keep on the lookout to see if she will be coming to a city near you, but until then, you can listen to her music at Myspace.com/katenashmusic.

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# MEET IN THE MIDDLE

## Maryville teachers' paths cross at Northwest

By **Kenny Larabee**  
*Community News Editor*

For some, Maryville might seem a little too quaint. A little too detached from the hustle and bustle, the bright lights and busy streets.

High school students lazily dream of the day when they can move away, pull up their roots and head for the excitement of the big city. Longtime residents wonder what a change of scenery might be like. Some folks are just stopping by while they attend school at Northwest.

Occasionally, Northwest students come from one of those far off cities and takes a closer look at Maryville. And they like what they see: the relaxed atmosphere, the wave of a passerby or the friendliness of a neighbor. They decide the opposite: that Maryville might be a good place to make a home.

Two such alumni began their lives on opposite American coasts, but their paths would intersect in Maryville.

Thom Alvarez, now the assistant principal at Maryville High School, grew up in the San Fernando Valley, just adjacent to Los Angeles. Out of high school, Alvarez attended college for a few years before deciding to take some time off while he thought about what direction he wanted to go with his life.

His father had a background in electronics, as well as teaching, and had heard about Northwest's electronic campus. Alvarez eventually chose Northwest over another school in Louisiana. Coming from a metropolitan area of more than 12 million people, Alvarez said he was a little sur-

prised at what he found when he arrived in Maryville for the spring semester in 1992, a town with a population of a little more than 10,000.

"It was quite a bit of shock for me," Alvarez said. "Being a southern California boy, coming for the spring semester, I came for my campus tour and to get my dorm in January.

"I'll never forget coming up that walkway underneath those dorms, heading out to the high-rises, and that wind hit me and my dad was with me. We both just looked at each other and said 'Oh my God, what is this?' It was the coldest I'd ever been in my life."

A student from the East Coast eventually joined Alvarez at Northwest: Phil Stone, who's currently a science teacher at Maryville High School. Stone grew up all along the eastern seaboard before his family eventually settled down just outside of Boston, where he attended high school.

Alvarez and Stone eventually became friends before graduating. Alvarez earned a Bachelor of Science with a major in history, while Stone earned a Bachelor of Science with a major in wildlife ecology and conservation.

Then they went their separate ways. Alvarez went back to L.A. before ending up in Des Moines managing a restaurant. Stone worked for a biotech company just outside of Boston.

Two chance occurrences brought them back to Maryville.

"One Sunday afternoon I saw an ad in the paper for a teacher here in Maryville," Alvarez said. "I came down here and interviewed. It was the only teaching job I inter-

viewed for at that point. They offered me a position and I decided to jump on it."

Alvarez began at Maryville High School in 2001, teaching physical education and social studies. Shortly thereafter, he called up Stone to let him know about an opening at the school.

"Once I found out about the teaching position, I flew out (and) I interviewed," Stone said. "He called me the day I flew back and said, 'We'd like to have you.'"

Stone began teaching science at Maryville in 2003.

Both Alvarez and Stone got their teaching certificates through the alternative certification program at Northwest, which allowed them to teach while earning their certificate.

They both also coach. Alvarez is the head coach for the Spoofhound baseball team, while Stone is the head coach for the 'Hounds' cross country team and an assistant for the track team.

Going from working in a lab to teaching in a classroom has been a rewarding experience, Stone said.

"I like seeing when that light bulb goes off when something clicks on a kid and they get excited because they understand something that might be pretty difficult. I like ending my day coaching motivated kids to run cross country," Stone said. "I definitely like seeing how motivated some people are, and seeing them get excited over good test grades or good times on races. Those are great things to see and be a part of."

One aspect of the job that Alvarez likes — especially in Maryville — is having a relationship with students.

"Within a five-mile radius of my parent's house (in California), there's probably five high schools that had over 3,500 kids in it," Alvarez said. "Being a teacher at a school there, there's 80 percent of the school population that you probably don't ever see, know anything about. Where here at Maryville, I'd be hard pressed to find 10 percent of this population that I don't know by their first name or know something about them."

One reason for the move back to Maryville was the cost of living, Stone said. He and his wife, Margie, have three sons. Raising three children in a house that they own would be much harder to do on the East Coast, Stone said.

"It's just a better place to bring our kids up. It's safe. We've got a great lot that our house is on, so there's tons of room for the boys," Stone said. "As far as bringing a family up, I like it much better here."

Alvarez is also married. He and his wife Teri have three children. They also cited the quality and cost of living as a selling point for Maryville. Sometimes Alvarez misses the West Coast though, being able to watch his Dodgers in person or going to the beach.

But not at the expense of other things in life.

"A lot of it is the people. For me, growing up in Los Angeles, people say 'Oh, there's so much to do and all of that.' And yeah, there is, but I really believe living in Maryville, there's more time for what's important," Alvarez said. "You get more time to spend with your family and with your friends and doing the things that are truly important in life."